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comprising a sialyltranseferase and a CMP-sialic acid synthetase. As required by the Examiner, Applicants also include a listing of all claims that read on the elected species. Claim 12 reads specifically on the elected species. The following generic claims also read on the elected species: 1-3, 5-11, 23-27, and method claims 33-35.

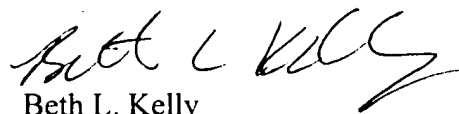
Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that on allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of all claims written in dependent form, or which otherwise include the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Applicants thus assert that claims 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 36 should also be considered on allowance of appropriate generic claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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